Statement-II

S.No.	District	Capacity addition plan in 98-99
	PUNJAB CIRCLE	
I.	Amritsar	22526
2.	Bhatinda	13000
3.	Mansa	136
4.	Ferozpur	
5.	Faridkot	8501
6.	Mukatsar	11055
7.	Moga	4955
8.	Hosiarpur	22000
9.	Jalandhar	20336
10.	Kapurtala	7524
11.	Nawanshahar	3800
12.	Ludhiana	38788
13.	Patiala	17563
14.	Fatehgarh Sahib	8317
15.	Gurdaspur	14815
16.	Ropar	12983
17.	Sangrur	21515
18.	Chandigarh	22000
19.	Punchkula	17000

Statement-Ill

Circle-wise New lines proposed during 1998-99

S.No.	Circles	New planned during 1998-99
1.	Andhra Pradesh	250000
2.	Assam	50000
3.	Bihar	131000
4.	Gujarat	250000
5.	Haryana	95000
6.	Himachal Pradesh	59000
7.	Jammu & Kashmir	30000
8.	Karnataka	200000
9.	Kerala	325000
10.	Madhya Pradesh	110000
11.	Maharashtra	300000
12.	North East	32000
13.	Orissa	60000
14.	Punjab	190000
15.	Rajasthan	163000
16.	Tamil Nadu	280000
17.	Uttar Pradesh (E)	133000
18.	Uttar Pradesh (W)	139000
19.	West Bengal	120000
20.	Andaman & Nicobar	6000
21.	Mumbai	230000
22.	Calcutta	112000
23.	Delhi	220000
24.	Chennai	115000
		3600000

Statement- IV

Details of State-wise Waiting list for Telephones as on 31.1.99

S.No.	State	Waiting List
1.	Andhra Pradesh	150695
2.	Andaman Nicobar	410
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1641
4.	Assam	42271
5.	Bihar	81183
6.	Delhi	0
7.	Goa	10673
8.	Gujarat (Incl. Daman Diu, Nagar & Haveli)	262939
9.	Haryana	120385
10.	Himachal Pradesh	53610
11.	Jammu & Kashmir	37883
12.	Karnataka	168631
13.	Kerala (Incl. Lakshadeep)	673711
14.	Madhya Pradesh	54338
15.	Maharashtra	250104
16.	Manipur	3508
17.	Meghalaya	1474
18.	Mizoram	1748
19.	Nagaland	4102
20.	Orissa	34424
21.	Punjab (Incl. Chandigarh)	217845
22.	Rajasthan	147865
23.	Sikkim	6960
24.	Tamil Nadu (Incl. Pondicherry)	364769
25.	Tripura	4876
26.	Uttar Pradesh	122240
27.	West Bengal	121362
		2939647

Outstanding amount against Cellular Telecom Operators on Account of Licence Fee

38. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the cellular telecome operators in the country owe huge amount to the Department of Telecommunications on account of licence fees;

(b) if so, what is the exact amount; and

(c) what step Government have taken to recover the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The licence fee outstanding from Cellular operators including interest, is Rs. 2892.42 Crs. as 31.1.99.

(c) Letters have been issued to the Cellular Operators on 25.1.99 asking them to clear theoutstanding dues together with interestthereon, immediately. In case of their inability to clear the entire amount in lumpsum immediately, they have been asked to makepayment of atleast 20% or more of the total amount due by 15.2.99. The operators have further been called upon to enhance the financial bank guarantees to cover the balance amount payable after deducting the amount paid.

"मल्टी एक्सप्रेस रूरल रेडियो" में सुधार

39. **श्रीमती सरोज दुबे** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क)क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में " मल्टी एक्सप्रेस रेडियो" (एम0ए0आर) टेलीफोन नहीं के बराबर सेवा प्रदान कर रहे हैं;

(ख)यिदि हां, तो इस स्थिति को सुधारने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं और इसमें कब तक सुधार हो जाएगा; और

(ग)यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

संचार मंत्रलय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कबीन्द्र पुरकायस्थ) : (क) सरकार की नीति, ग्रामीण क्षेत्रों में एक राजस्व ग्राम में एक ग्रामीण सार्वजनिक टेलीफोन प्रदान करने की है। अभी तक 6,07,491 ग्रामों में से 3,17,684 ग्रामों में दूरसंचार सुविधा प्रदान की दी गई हैं। 1,81,765 ग्रामों में एम ए आर प्रणाली का प्रयोग किया गया हैं।

(ख) और (ग) 1999-2000 के उत्तरार्ध से, शेष ग्रामों में दूरसंचार सुविधा प्रदान करने के लिए नई प्रौद्योगिकियों का प्रयोग किया जाएगा .। संशोधित लक्ष्यों के अनुसार, नौवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना (2002) अंत तक देश के सभी राजस्व ग्रामों में दूरसंचार सुविधा प्रदान की जानी हैं।

Bifurcation of North-East telecom circle at Shillong

40. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased
to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan to bifurcate the existing North-East Telecom Circle at Shillong;

(b) whether Manipur, Nagaland and Mizoram can be separated as a Telecom Circle
whose Headquarter is at Imphal; and

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Transfer of Telephone Connections

41. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be
pleased to state:

(a) what is the time frame devised for transfer of telephone connection from one exchange to the other and within the same exchange in Delhi separately;

(b) what are the details of applications for shifting of telephone connection pending under Tis Hazari, Gole Market and Janpath Exchanges;

(c) what is the total number of applications out of the above from Timarpur and since when they are pending;

(d) what are the reasons for their pendency; and

(e) by when these connections would be shifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) As per prescribed norms, the time frame for shift of